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Weekday Eucharistic Liturgies: Tuesday to Friday at 9:00 a.m.

Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Christmas Blessings and a Happy New Year

December 26th, 2021

In contemplating the mystery of the Incarnation before the child lying in a manger, we find our proper place ... with humility, gentleness, and weakness... before the one who was born in a stable because *"there was no room in the inn"*.

With the new recent restrictions that the *omicron virus* has imposed upon our churches, we may tend to think that there is no room in the inn for us for attending Mass in our parishes; yet, this is a perfect opportunity to deepen our sense of the *domestic church* that gathers in our homes with our families, and of our common belonging as brothers and sisters in the same human family.

The prophet Isaiah tells us so well that when the Messiah is born, the Virgin shall name him *"Emmanuel"* --- a name which means *"God-is-with-us"*. God is truly with us in Jesus...and it's that presence that embraces us and redeems us, for we are no longer alone in our tears and our suffering... we no longer walk alone in our pain ... God walks with us.

We may be experiencing the fear that we will never emerge from this dark tunnel of trial; yet, God says to each of us, *"Do not be afraid. Have courage, I am with you"*. In the lowly manger of a darkened stable, the Son of God is truly present. In the simplicity of our homes and churches, God is truly with us.

Christmas is God's LOVE for us...completely free gift...sheer grace... for *"a Child is born for us, a Son given to us"*... Only the love of Jesus can transform our lives, heal our deepest hurts, and set us free from the vicious circles of bitterness, disappointment, anger, and constant complaint. God came among us in weakness, poverty and need. His disarming love reminds us that our time is not to be spent in feeling sorry for ourselves, but in comforting the tears of the suffering.

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As we celebrate Christmas, I would like to thank all of you on behalf of our Holy Redeemer staff for your continued commitment to our parish. And on my own personal behalf, I would like to express how truly grateful I am for blessing me so deeply with your welcome, kindness, loving support, and prayer ever since Father Owen and I first came to Holy Redeemer... God is now blessing this parish with a wonderful pastor in Father Anthony. Keep rejoicing in the goodness of God.

May our hearts be filled with gratitude as we stand before the Child lying in the manger... May Emmanuel, God-with-us, bless you and your families with his hope, peace, joy, and love this Christmas, throughout 2022, and always.

*May the Lord bless you and keep you;
may the Lord let his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
may the Lord uncover his face to you
and bring you peace."
(Numbers 6:23-26).*

Lovingly in Jesus, Mary & Joseph,
Sister Maria Ciccarelli, snjm

Livestreaming of Christmas Eve 7 p.m. Mass

Our parish will be livestreaming the 7 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve, December 24 via YouTube. Please visit the parish's website at www.holyredeemerrcp parish.ca for the link.

2021 Donations

Please note that the last day for donations to be included in the 2021 tax receipt is December 31, 2021. Any donations received after this date will be included on the 2022 tax receipt.

Just a reminder that if you have not already picked up your 2022 offering envelopes, they can be picked up at the church during office hours or when you come to Mass.

Thank you for your continued generosity during this challenging time.

Farewell to Sister Maria

January 1, 2022 will be Sister Maria's last day at Holy Redeemer Parish, as she will be retiring. Sister Maria came to our parish at a time when we required both assistance and guidance and she has proceeded to provide us with both.

She has been such a blessing for us in every way, particularly as an anchoring rock of stability for the parish during this tumultuous year and a half with COVID restrictions and lockdowns, and Father Owen's passing. She has dealt with these difficulties exceptionally well and helped our parish navigate them.

Sister Maria has put everything she has into her ministry at Holy Redeemer. Her warm and positive demeanor as well as her strength and conviction have been a light in these trying times. She has done many beneficial things for our parish and while we are sorry that she is leaving us and we will miss her, we know that we will always be in her thoughts and prayers, as she will continue to be in ours.

Sister Maria you deserve a rest for your soul. Congratulations on your retirement and blessings to you always.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Friday, December 24th, 2021 Christmas Eve to Sunday, January 2nd, 2022 Epiphany

Friday, December 24th, 2021 - Christmas Eve

Mass at 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

(Please note there will be no 9:00 a.m. Mass this day)

Saturday, December 25th, 2021 - Christmas Day

Mass at 10:00 a.m.

(Please note there will be no 5:00 p.m. Mass Christmas Day)

Sunday, December 26th, 2021 - Feast of the Holy Family

Mass at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Friday, December 31st, 2021

New Year's Eve (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 1st, 2022

New Year's Day (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

Mass at 10:00 a.m.

(Please note there will be no 5:00 p.m. Mass New Year's Day)

Sunday, January 2nd, 2022 - Feast of the Epiphany

Mass at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

**Please note that all the Christmas and New Year's Masses
have reached their capacity limit of 25 people.**

**Please note that the 9:00 a.m. weekday Masses will be
cancelled the week of Tuesday, December 28th
to Friday, December 31st, 2021.**

Bulletin Information

Please note that there will be no bulletin for January 2, 2022. The next bulletin will be January 9, 2022.

Office Holiday Hours

During the holiday season the office hours will be as follows:

Fri. Dec. 24: Closed
Mon. Dec. 27 & Tues. Dec. 28: Closed
Wed. Dec. 29 & Thur. Dec. 30: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Fri. Dec 31: Closed
Mon. Jan 3: Closed

Regular hours resume on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.



**Please pray for the sick,
their families and their caregivers**

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Available by appointment. Please call the office.

Baptism: Please email Father Anthony or call the office at least three months in advance.

Marriage: Please call the office one year in advance.

Anointing of the Sick: Available by appointment. Please call the office.



Television Masses

If you are unable to attend Mass in person during this time, daily TV Mass can continue to be a source of faith, connection and comfort. Masses are available on Vision TV, Salt and Light TV, and EWTN.

Broadcast Schedule for Christmas TV Masses (All times are Central)

Vision TV

December 24 at 9 pm: Mass of the Nativity of our Lord
December 25 at 7 am & 12 pm: Mass of the Nativity of our Lord

Salt & Light Television

December 24 at 6 pm: Christmas Eve Mass with Pope Francis
December 24 at 10:30 pm: Midnight Mass from the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King (from Hamilton)
December 25 at 7 & 10 am: Live Daily Mass from Mary Queen of the World Cathedral in Montreal, Quebec.

EWTN

December 24 at 8:30 pm: Solemn Mass of Christmas Eve
December 25 at 6 & 10 am: Solemn Mass of Christmas Day

Liturgy Schedule, Saints' Days and Intentions

Saturday, December 25 to Sunday, January 9, 2022

Sat. Dec 25 at 10 am	Intentions of and healing of Leslie Muranyi (<i>J. Muranyi</i>) Nativity of the Lord
Sun. Dec 26 at 9 am	Holy Redeemer Parishioners
Sun. Dec 26 at 10:30 am	†Julienne Souque (<i>Diane Andrusiak</i>) Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Fri. Dec 31 at 5 pm	
Sat. Jan 1 at 10 am	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Sun. Jan 2 at 9 am	Holy Redeemer Parishioners
Sun. Jan 2 at 10:30	Epiphany of the Lord
Tues. Jan 4 at 9 am	
Wed. Jan 5 at 9 am	†Garth Christensen (<i>Friends</i>)
Thur. Jan 6 at 9 am	
Fri. Jan 7 at 9 am	Saint Andre Bessette
Sat. Jan 8 at 5 pm	Holy Redeemer Parishioners
Sun. Jan 9 at 9 am	
Sun. Jan 9 at 10:30 am	Baptism of the Lord

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Pope Francis' Monthly Intention For December 2021

Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the
Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and
creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.



Government of Manitoba Pandemic Directives Effective December 21, 2021

On December 17, 2021, the Government of Manitoba announced
new health restrictions effective December 21, 2021. According to
the new health orders faith based gatherings are limited to 25%
capacity or 25 people, whichever is lower. For our parish this
means Masses are limited to 25 people.

As you all know COVID-19 has not disappeared. Even if you have
been "Double Vacc'd" you can still contract the COVID-19 virus,
usually with less severity. Or you can be "A-Symptomatic" and not
even know that you carry the COVID-19 Virus.

Just a reminder to keep on following the protocols as so many of
you have been doing so faithfully and patiently. As much as we are
all tired, it is critical that we continue to follow and respect all
public health protocols that are in place:

1. Ensuring that we maintain six feet apart social distancing.
2. The sanitizing of hands.
3. Mandatory mask wearing.
4. When you process for Holy Communion, please ensure that you
maintain a six-foot distance between the person in front and the
person behind you.
5. We ask that after Mass no one is to congregate in the church for
any length of time.
6. If you experience flu like symptoms or are not feeling well in a
general matter, we ask that you refrain from coming to Mass, as
there are many options of following the Sunday Mass on TV or You
Tube.
7. Do not hesitate to get tested for COVID-19, as the virus can
present mild symptoms in vaccinated people.

If you would like to attend a weekend Mass, please call or email
the office the week prior to book a space. We still need to have a
list of names and numbers of all those attending for the purpose of
contact tracing.

Thank you for your continued patience and kindness to one
another.